REPORT OF HALIFAX CHAPTER.

Our 1958 show was held with a good display of bloom. We were very pleased at the amount of bloom despite the severe winter. The Central East Coast Chapter of the Florida Nurseryman and Growers Assn. were very helpful in supplying background material and screening plants. We believe about 3,000 persons visited the show. No admission was charged, just a free will offering. Mrs. A. Morrison and her committee did a very good promotion job.

Mrs. Charles Frierson and her committee decorated and maintained a garden at the School for the Blind over the entire year.

We held regular monthly meetings all year long. Three of the meetings were held in the Carpenters Union Hall during the winter months. All others were held in the members gardens.

Our new officers are: Dr. Cos Leefmans, President Edward Wissner, Vice President; Alice Squires, Secy.; Mrs. S. Frierson, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF JAMES E. HENDRY CHAPTER.

Recently assuming the presidency I found the James E. Hendry Chapter in excellent shape with the enthusiasm of our members very evident.

Currently the 1959 edition of the "Know Your Hibiscus Show" is requiring all our attention. It is now just about 170 hours until the doors open on the "Bride of the Tropics" which will be not only something entirely different, but in a new location. (By the time this appears in print our show will have taken place.)

The Chapter, during most of this Hibiscus Year has been under the administration of the capable Miss Helen Johnson. The accomplishments are of course, the very fine show last Fall and a number of horticultural meetings to help our members with their

Hibiscus. A special project which is on the way to completion is the garden at Shady Rest with Mrs. Ailene Craig as chairman. 24 Hibiscus plants were added to the garden.

The Fort Myers Hibiscus Garden on the City Hall ground suffered from the extreme cold of the Winter of 1958. The committee with Mr. David Shepherd as chairman are actively engaged in bringing this garden up to its proper standard.

The present membership of you chapter is 106. Plans will soon be projected to increase the membership with persons enthusiastic about Hibiscus.

It is a pleasure to be with you today and to make this report.

Gilbert H. Moore, President

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